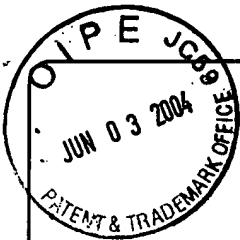


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In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, hereinafter "Office Action", Applicant amends his claims, submits remarks, and requests reconsideration of his application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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